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Applicant has filed a reply to the communication of 9/11/03 arguing that the Appeal Brief is not defective as arguments are not set forth in the Brief with regard to a withdrawn claim. In response, it is admitted that applicant is correct; withdrawn claims need not be cancelled where there are no arguments in the Brief regarding such claims. In response to applicant's request, it is hereby noted that the Appeal Brief filed 6/4/03 is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marjorie A. Moran whose telephone number is (703) 305-2363. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7:30 am to 4 pm EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on (703) 308-4028. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3524.

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